

Non-electrified villages in the country

3515. SHRI AJAY MAROO : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

- (a) the present status of non-electrified villages in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the present status of rural electrification in the State of Jharkhand with reference to the total number of villages against those which have been electrified;
- (c) the target and actual number of villages electrified in the last two years (year 2001 and 2002) in Jharkhand; and
- (d) the reasons of not achieving the target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTIMEHTA): (a) State-wise details of un-electrified villages in the country as on 28-2-2003 is given in the enclosed Statement (*See below*).

(b) According to Jharkhand State Electricity Board, there are 29,336 inhabited villages. Of these, 6418 villages are reported to be electrified after taking into account de-electrified villages as on 31-3-2003.

(c) Against the target of electrification of 1318 villages during 2001-02, 537 villages have been electrified. Again, during 2002-03, against the target of electrification of 1500 villages, 773 villages have been electrified.

(d) It has been reported by the Jharkhand State Electricity Board (JSEB) that the JSEB has come into existence only in 2001, with meager man power. Therefore, timely procurement of materials required for rural electrification work could not be done during last two years, resulting in non-achievement of targets.

Statement***Status of unelectrified villages in the country as on 31-3-2003***

Sl. No.	States/UT	Total No. of Villages as per 1991 census	No. of unelectrified villages
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	26586	Nil
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	3649	1307
3.	Assam	24685	5640
4.	Bihar	67513	17491
5.	Jharkhand		
6.	Goa	360	Nil

1	2	3	4
7.	Gujarat	18028	Nil
8.	Haryana	6759	Nil
9.	Himachal Pradesh	16997	107
10.	J & K	6477	182
11.	Karnataka	27066	296
12.	Kerala	1384	Nil
13.	Madhya Pradesh	51806	1462
14.	Chhattisgarh	19720	1399
15.	Maharashtra	40412	Nil
16.	Manipur	2182	178
17.	Meghalaya	5484	2754
18.	Mizoram	698	7
19.	Nagaland	1216	Nil
20.	Orissa	46989	9728
21.	Punjab	12428	Nil
22.	Rajasthan	37889	983
23.	Sikkim	447	42
24.	Tamil Nadu	15822	Nil
25.	Tripura	855	38
26.	Uttar Pradesh	97122	18042*
27.	Uttaranchal	15681	2785
28.	West Bengal	37910	7694
TOTAL (STATES)		586165	70135
TOTAL (UTs)		1093	Nil
TOTAL (ALL INDIA)		587258	70135

* Does not include de-electrified.

Demand and supply of power in NE States

†3516. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the details with regard to steps taken by Government to reduce the gap prevailing between demand and supply of power in the north-eastern States; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.